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Remarks

Applicants note that the Customer No. in the present application has been updated (see the attached Communication to Update Customer Number filed January 17, 2005, and the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission from the USPTO confirming safe receipt of the same).

Applicants and their representatives wish to thank Examiner Le for allowing Claims 24-43 and 65-96, and for indicating the allowability of Claims 2-11, 14, 18, 22, 23, 45-50, 52, 55, 59, 60, 63 and 64. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate essential limitations of allowable Claim 2 (the only difference being that the term "resistors" in original Claim 2 now reads —resistances— in amended Claim 1), and Claims 18 and 63 have been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of any base claim(s). All of the rejected Claims have now been amended to include subject matter believed to be allowable, or they depend directly or indirectly from an allowable Claim. New Claims 97-119 depend directly or indirectly from amended Claims 1, 18 or 63. Therefore, the present Claims 1-44, 46-51, 53-54 and 56-119 are either in condition for allowance, or believed to be in condition for allowance.

New Claims 120-121 are believed to be allowable for reasons similar to, and in view of the allowability of, original Claim 2 (now amended Claim 1). Therefore, the present Claims are either in condition for allowance, or believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Rejection of Claims 1, 12-13, 15-17, 19-21, 44, 51, 53-54, 56-58 and 61-62
under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

As explained above, the rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Jenkins et al. is believed to be obviated by appropriate amendment.

Conclusions

Applicants and their representatives again wish to thank Examiner Le for allowing Claims 24-43 and 65-96, and for indicating the allowability of Claims 2-11, 14, 18, 22, 23, 45-

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50, 52, 55, 59, 60, 63 and 64 over the art. All of the rejected Claims have now been amended to include allowable subject matter (or subject matter believed to be allowable), or to depend directly or indirectly from such an amended Claim. All of the new Claims depend directly or indirectly from such an amended Claim or are believed to be allowable for reasons similar to Claims indicated as being allowable. Therefore, the present Claims 1-51, 53-54 and 56-121 are either in condition for allowance, or believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all bases for rejection are believed to be overcome, and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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